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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Phil Taylor - APA/AND/B

FROM: Enrique F. Perez ^{SP} POL/ECOM, Amembassy La Paz

SUBJECT: Information on Bolivian "desaparecidos"

The following is an informal translation of information on alleged Bolivian "desaparecidos" in Argentina released by the Bolivian Permanent Assembly on Human Rights (PAHR) at a press conference held in La Paz October 16, 1979. Father Julio Tumiri, as reported in La Paz 8873, claims to have provided this information to international human rights organizations, including the UN Human Rights Commission.

The "disappeared" are:

1) JAIME RAFAEL LARA TORRES. Born in 1946 in Sucre, Bolivia. Art teacher and a successful painter. Leader of the Teacher's Guild in Jujuy, Argentina. Detained at his home in that city on May 28, 1976 by the Provincial Police and turned over to the Executive Power. Up to the first few days in June he was visited by his relatives, but after that time was placed in solitary and no more news about him has been received since then. The Bolivian Embassy in Buenos Aires, at the request of the Bolivian Association of Plastics Artists, queried the Argentine government on the whereabouts of Mr. Lara. The Foreign Ministry, in a laconic note, replied acknowledging the detention of Mr. Lara, but affirming he had been released May 10, 1976. Yet, neither Lara's relatives, nor anyone else has seen Mr. Lara since. His relatives as well as the Bolivian Permanent Assembly on Human Rights (PAHR) are convinced Mr. Lara continues to be detained in Argentina, prevented from establishing contact with the outside world.

2) COSME BENITO CHOQUE. Born in Oruro, Bolivia on September 27, 1946. Laboratory technician. Living in Buenos Aires for some time, lately at Calle Gonzalez Chavez #253. Detained September 16, 1976 in the company of his wife, Irene Peña, by the government's repressive body known as Federal Coordination. Habeas corpus proceedings were started but were never allowed to be finalized. Mr. Choque was guild delegate of the Mayo Clinic in Buenos Aires.

3) GRACIELA RUTILO ARTÉS. Arrested April 2, 1976 in Oruro, Bolivia in the company of her daughter, Carla Graciela Rutila (nine months old). She was turned over to the Argentine security service by the Bolivian government--without extradition proceedings--on August 29, 1976 at a place on the frontier known as Villazon-La Quiaca. No news of their whereabouts since then.

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- 4) CARLA GRACIELA RUTILO. Born in Lima, Peru June 28, 1975 (which makes her less than four years old today). She was picked up with her mother in Oruro on April 2, 1976 and turned over to Argentine security forces August 29, 1976. Attempts by relatives, the PAHR and Amnesty International to find out her whereabouts from the Argentine government have proved fruitless.
- 5) LUIS STAMPONI. Argentine by birth. Arrested at Llallagua, Bolivia on September 26, 1976 and turned over to Argentine security forces at Villazon, a town on the frontier, October 13, 1976. It is feared he was killed in prison. There were no extradition proceedings between Bolivia and Argentina in this case.
- 6) GUSTAVO MEDINA ORTIZ. Born in Tarija, Bolivia. Arrested under the Banzer government and exiled to Salta, Argentina. He was arrested by the Argentine police October 10, 1975 in that city. He is father to six children. Since the day of his arrest in Salta, no more news about him has been received.
- 7) SERGIO CORO BUITRAGO. Born in Tarija, Bolivia in 1953. In March, 1976 he traveled to La Plata, Argentina to continue his agriculture studies. Together with his friend, Hernan Kramer, he was arrested September 11, 1976. No news about him has been received since his arrest. His passport number is 0448.
- 8) HERNAN KRAMER. Born in Tarija, Bolivia. Arrested with Sergio Coro at his home on Calle 66 between 118 and 119 on September 11, 1976.
- 9) NILS ALFREDO CASSON CORIA. Born in Tarija, Bolivia. Engineering student at Salta, Argentina. Arrested in that city August, 1976. Unable to obtain any information on his whereabouts. His identity card number is 1630913.
- 10) OSCAR HUGO GONZALEZ DE LA VEGA. Detained in Carriri, Bolivia on June 20, 1976. Together with Luis Stamponi was turned over to Argentine security forces at Villazon (a frontier town) on October 13, 1976. Nothing is known of his whereabouts.
- 11) FRANZ CARLOS ORTUÑO ARENAS. Bolivian. Arrested in Argentine in March, 1974. Presently he is imprisoned at Rawson, Chubut Province.
- 12) ROSA MERY RIVEROS TELLERIA. Bolivian. Arrested by Argentine police in December, 1975. She is presently being held at the Villa Devoto prison.
- 13) ALBERTO ANGEL CORREA TOPERBERG. Argentine by birth. Married to Jerry LaLore, a Bolivian. Was arrested in Buenos Aires on April 16, 1975. Presently, he is imprisoned at Rawson, Chubut Province.

14) GUIDO GUTIERREZ GUZMAN. Bolivian. Arrested in Tucuman. Presently imprisoned at the Dansut Island (Patagonia) penitentiary.

15) JUAN CARLOS JORDAN. Bolivian. Arrested in Buenos Aires, January, 1978. Whereabouts unknown.

16) REYNALDO LAZARO SAENZ BERNAL. Bolivian. Arrested in Cordoba, July, 1976. Whereabouts unknown.

17) EFRAIN FERNANDO VILLA IZOLA. Arrested in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Turned over to Argentine security forces at Villazon (on the frontier) August 29, 1976.

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